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The above words appear on the arch above the National Shrine's altar to St. Vincent. The text is adapted from the answer Christ gave to a delegation sent Him by John the Baptist. In bas-relief in the Botticino marble roundel above the altar St. Vincent is shown ministering to a poor dying man. Against a background of red Rojo Alicante marble stands a life size figure that does justice to his great spirit. The statue is strong; yet it compellingly conveys his feeling of tenderness.

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